

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

FRANCIS HUMBLOT, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/088,738

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For: REDUCTION OF THE COKING IN CRACKING  
REACTORS

Confirmation No.: 4589

Art Unit: 1797

Examiner: Prem C. SINGH

Atty. Dckt: 033808 R 172

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 12 November 2008, to which the time for response was set to expire 12 February 2009. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith to extend the date for response to 12 May 2009. Claims 1-6, 11-18 and 20-29 were pending and were rejected. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

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Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.